

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" The financial condition of the Province is highly satisfactory. The Expenditure of the past year has been kept within the Estimates; and the amount appropriated for Roads and Bridges has been judiciously applied.

" A considerable amount of damage to several lines of communication, resulting from the unprecedented gales and floods of the last autumn, has necessitated an unforeseen expenditure.

" Accounts of the Income and Disbursements of the Revenue for the past year will be immediately laid before you. I have given directions that the Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the current year shall be submitted to you.

*" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*" Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

" Never has the public mind of Britain been so agitated as at present, on the important national question of Emigration to the British Colonies. Tens of thousands, able and willing to work, and who are to a certain extent a burden upon the charities of the Mother Country, could, in many portions of our Dominion, at once earn a comfortable subsistence, within a few years become thrifty farmers, as thousands have already done, and add materially to the strength of the Empire; and I trust you will devise such measures as will secure to this Province a share of the prospective Immigration to the Dominion, sufficient to supply the present demand for farm labour, and lead to the early occupation of our wilderness land.

" No subject of greater moment can be intrusted to you than the education of the youth of the Province, in order to their early preparation for an intelligent performance of the duties of citizenship; and accordingly, a measure relating to this most important subject, will be laid before you.

" Most sincerely do I hope that we may always exhibit that self-reliance and energy which have heretofore characterized our nation; and, realizing our dependence upon Him "by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice;" and invoking the Divine blessing upon our labours, we may preserve, unimpaired, those priceless privileges of civil and religious liberty which we now enjoy, and transmit to our successors a British heritage, rich in everything that can insure stability, and command the affectionate loyalty of an intelligent and prosperous people."

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G. E. FENETY, PRINTER TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.